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DETECTING SALMONELLA NUCLEIC
ACIDS, KIT AND USE**

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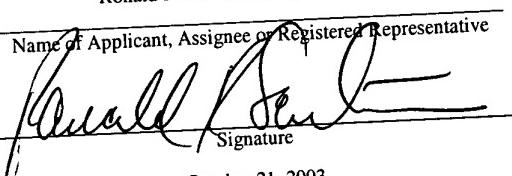
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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants enclose herewith the issue fee transmittal for the above referenced patent application. With reference to the notice of allowability wherein the Examiner indicates that some of the foreign priority documents have not been provided (most specifically an English translation of the German priority application DE 197 34 940.4 filed May 22, 2000). Since this application is a 371 filing of PCT/EP98/05129 filed August 12, 1998 which claimed priority benefits of DE 197 34 940.4, certified copies of the priority documents were provided to the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office by the International Bureau and do not have to be furnished by the Applicants. A copy of the official filing receipt is enclosed for your reference.

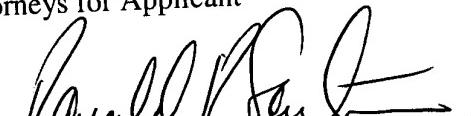
If, however, the Examiner wishes to see a translation of the German priority document, although a translation is not available, Applicants believe it closely resembles the international application except for some minor amendments.

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